Closure of PUSs

*105. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to close down a number of public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. KARUNAKARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mass Migration From Villages of Doda Due to Terrorism

*106. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the mass migration from the Villages of Doda district due to terrorist pressure; if so, the number of villages and families that are threatened and the number of families that have moved to other districts;

(b) the number of persons killed by the militants in Doda and Jammu districts each month during the past six months; and

(c) what is the estimated number of militants and mercenaries operating in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVENSH CHATURVEDI): (a) According to information provided by the State Government there has not been any mass migration from the villages in Doda district. However, during the month of January 1996 some migration took place from Barshalla area of this district, after the incident of killing of 15 persons there on 5.1.96, but they returned to their villages after security arrangement were further strengthened in the whole district.

(b) The details of persons killed by militants in Doda and Jammu districts in the last six months are indicated below:—

	July 95	Aug. 95	Sept. 95	Oct. 95	Nov. 95	Dec. 95	Jan. 96	Total
Doda	13	6	20	3	6	2	28	78
Jammu	18	1	1	-	-	-	-	20

(c) It is not possible to indicate the precise number of militants/mercenaries operating in this area.

Elections in J&K

*107. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken during the past six months to restore a situation congenial to elections to Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, indicating the number of militants apprehended, killed and those who surrendered with arms; and

(b) the names of the militant outfits liquidated and hideouts unearthed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHTURVEDI): (a) and (b) The aim of the Government is to ensure restoration of peace and normalcy and the democratic and representative institutions in the State of Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest. Towards this end a number of measures and initiatives